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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: AT&T's application to join with T-Mobile, the 11-65 proceeding

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Since first elected to proudly serve the people of Oregon's House District 21, I have been committed to moving my district and our state forward. As I often say, I adamantly believe that Oregon's best days are ahead of us.

The future I envision for Oregon is one marked by good jobs and a vibrant local economy. I believe widespread access to modern telecommunications technology is vital to obtaining these goals, and this is why I support the pending merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

The 4G LTE network deployment planned by the merged AT&T/T-Mobile could mean dramatic new opportunities for my constituents. It would expand AT&T's coverage area to include an additional million square miles than current plans, reaching more than 97 percent of the U.S. population. I am excited for rural residents, especially, as this wireless technology would bring the biggest change to their communities.

I also anticipate improvements in our job market and infrastructure investment with the approval of this merger. AT&T has committed to investing \$8B post-merger for its wireless network build out, and this investment would likely result in new jobs and increased economic activity. As well, access to high-speed wireless broadband would help businesses cut costs and implement more efficient business operations. The fact that AT&T's workforce is the only major U.S. wireless workforce to be union-represented is another plus, as it would allow T-Mobile's employees the opportunity to join in their representation.

In sum, this merger would bring exciting new opportunities to the people of Oregon. Please give AT&T and T-Mobile your permission to move forward with their plan to merge.

Best regards,

Representative Brian Clem  
Oregon House of Representatives, District 21

CC:  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

